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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: Lee et al

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Examiner: Dwayne K. Handy

Title: Reaction Cuvette Having Anti-Wicking Features  
for use in an Automatic Clinical Analyzer

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.1116**

This is in response to the Examiner's final Office Action dated June 29, 2005, in which claims 1-3 and 5-7 were rejected and claims 4 and 6 were objected to. Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment as it is believed to place the claims in condition for allowance, or in the alternative, to place the case in better form for appeal.